

# RPO Market Report

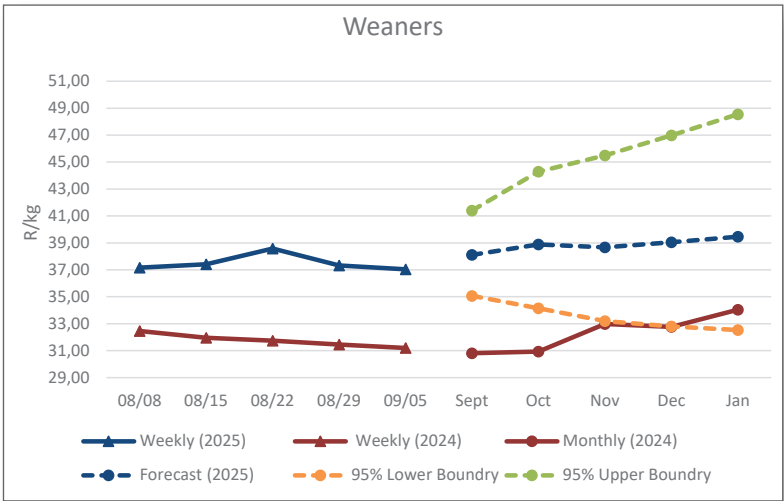
## Week 36 of 2025



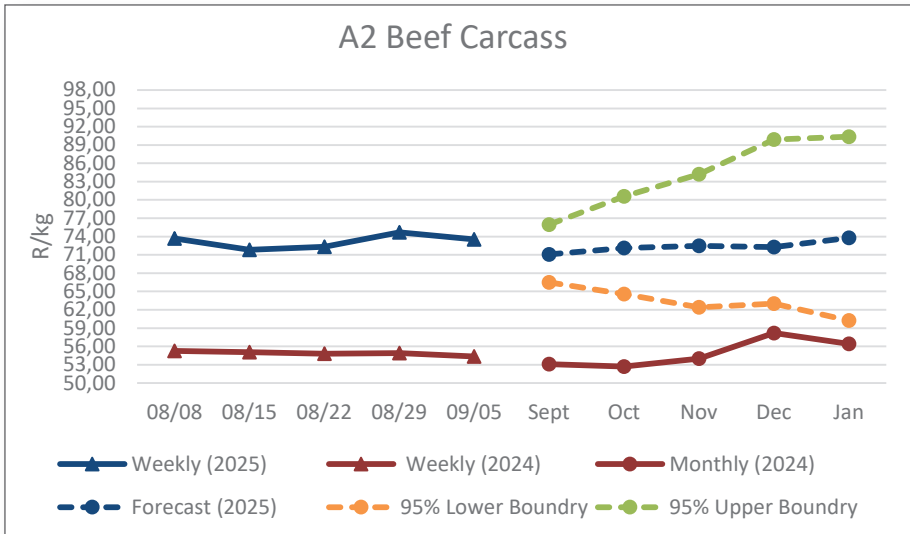
Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Weaner (R/kg)	R37.04	-0.8%	-0.3%	18.7%
A2 (R/kg)	R73.53	-1.6%	-0.2%	35.3%
B2 (R/kg)	R60.89	0.9%	0.5%	35.3%
C2 (R/kg)	R59.44	-0.8%	2.3%	44.2%

### Weaners

The price decreased by 0.8% in Week 36 compared to the previous week and is currently 18.7% higher than the same period a year ago. The decrease in price can be attributed to weaker demand from feedlots who, with Foot and Mouth disease still spreading, are being more selective about the areas from which they purchase. The expectation remains that the price may continue a possible upward trend in September and reach a peak in October. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the weaner calf price in October should be around R39/kg, while the price should not be lower than R34/kg and not higher than R44/kg.



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The average A2 carcass price decreased by 1.6% in Week 36 compared to the previous week and is currently 35.3% higher than the same period a year ago. The decrease in price can be attributed to a higher supply of carcasses. The price is currently somewhat above the forecast price, and we are uncertain whether a downward correction will occur, or whether the price still has room to increase further. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the A2 carcass price in October should be around R72/kg, while the price should not be lower than R65/kg and not higher than R80/kg.



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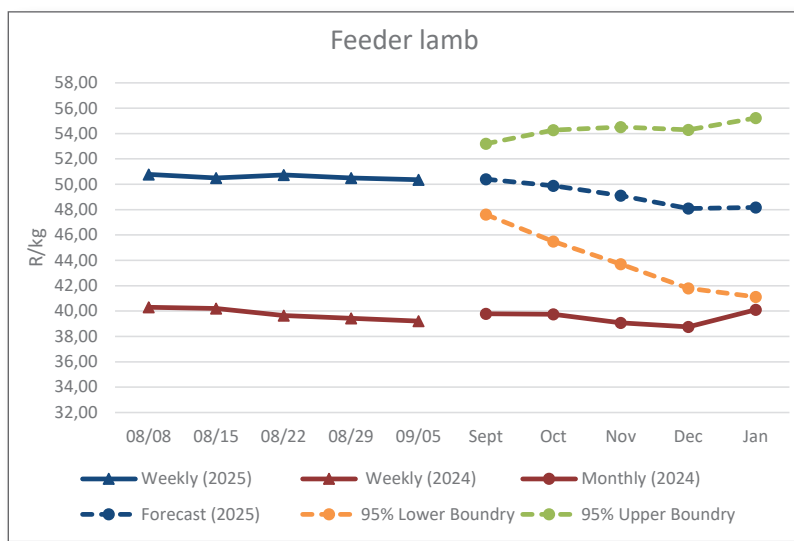
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Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Feeder lamb (R/kg)	R50.36	-0.3%	-0.8%	28.4%
A2 (R/kg)	R110.61	0.7%	3.8%	22.2%
B2 (R/kg)	R86.77	0.2%	5.5%	31.1%
C2 (R/kg)	R84.06	1.0%	3.1%	31.0%

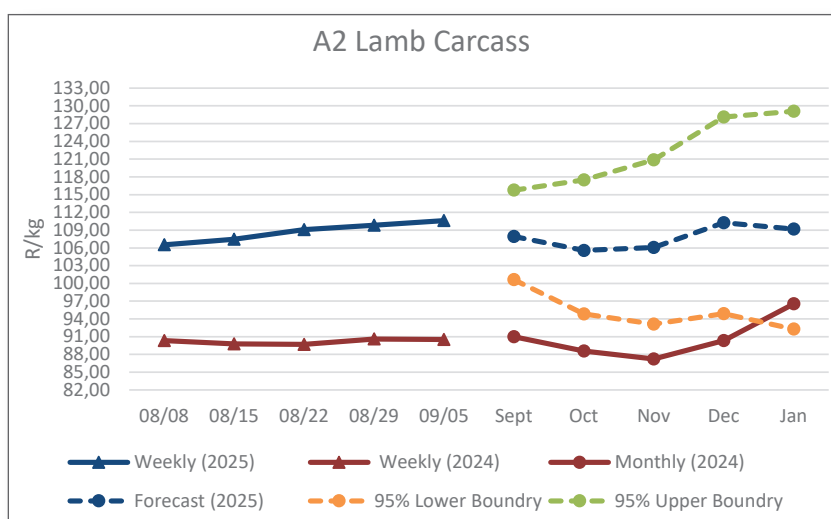
## Feeder lamb



The store lamb price remained relatively unchanged in Week 36 compared to the previous week and is approximately 28.4% higher than the same period a year ago. The sideways trend can be attributed to a constant supply of lambs currently in the market. The expectation is that the price may systematically decline until December as the supply of lambs increases. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the store lamb price in October should be around R50/kg and not lower than R45/kg and not higher than R54/kg.

## A2 Lamb Carcass

The lamb carcass price increased by 0.7% in Week 36 compared to the previous week and is approximately 22.2% higher than the same period a year ago. The increase in the price can be attributed to a continued low supply of lamb carcasses currently in the market and a stronger demand. The expectation is still that the price may reach a turning point in September and may systematically decline until October. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the A2 carcass price in October should be approximately R106/kg, while the price should not be lower than R95/kg and not higher than R118/kg.



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